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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §313-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ, §7, is amended to read:

1. Registration eligibility. The Gambling Control Unit may accept registrations from the following organizations to conduct beano to be conducted by in the presence of at least one duly authorized membersmember for the exclusive benefit of the organization:

- A. A volunteer fire department;
- B. An agricultural fair association;
- C. A bona fide nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that has been in existence and founded, chartered or organized in the State for at least 2 years prior to its registration; and
- D. An auxiliary organization associated with an organization, department or association described in this subsection that has been in existence for at least 2 years prior to submitting a registration to conduct beano to the Gambling Control Unit.

The Gambling Control Unit may accept a registration submitted by an organization described in paragraph C that has been in existence for less than 2 years in the State if the organization has a charter from a national organization.

SUMMARY

This bill removes the requirement that beano conducted by organizations such as volunteer fire departments, agricultural fair associations and nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organizations be conducted by members of those organizations and instead requires that beano conducted by these organizations be conducted in the presence of at least one member of the organization.